

REMARKS

Claims 8-15 remain in this application, while claims 1-7 were previously canceled. Reconsideration of the application is requested.

Independent claim 8 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a), along with the remaining, dependent claims, as unpatentable over the Gallup et al. patent relied on previously in view of newly cited U.S. Patent 6,048,024 to Wallman. Reconsideration is requested.

As amended above, claim 8 requires the air supply device forming the subject matter of this invention to include, in combination with the other elements specified, a particular sensor arranged inside a part of an air duct between the air outlet opening and the heating element that is height adjustable with a head restraint of an automotive seat with respect to another part of the air duct.

It is respectfully submitted that these limitations serve to patentably distinguish the invention from the disclosures relied on. Neither the Gallup et al. sensor 102 nor any temperature sensor in the Wallman ventilated vehicle chair arrangement is arranged in the location now particularly defined by claim 8. There is nothing in either of the additional secondary disclosures relied on in sections 2-3 on pages 4-5 of the Office Action to suggest the arranging a sensor inside a height adjustable part of an air duct configured as claim 8 above requires, moreover, and claim 8 above should now be patentable. All other claims in this application are dependent claims and should now be allowable as well.

This application should now be in allowable condition. If there are any questions regarding this Reply or the application in general, a telephone call to the undersigned would be appreciated since this should expedite the prosecution of the application for all concerned.

If necessary to effect a timely response, this paper should be considered as a petition for an extension of time sufficient to effect a timely response. Please charge any deficiency in fees or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 05-1323 (Docket #095309.56912US).

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